

Introduced by Senator Alpert

February 6, 2003

An act to add Section 12693.983 to the Insurance Code, relating to the Healthy Families Program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 142, as introduced, Alpert. Healthy Families Program.

Existing law establishes the Healthy Families Program, administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, to arrange for the provision of health care, dental, and vision coverage to eligible children meeting certain household income requirements. Existing law authorizes bridge programs which evaluate the eligibility of child currently in the program for enrollment in Medi-Cal and bridge programs which evaluate the eligibility of child currently enrolled in Medi-Cal for enrollment in the program. Under existing law, the Healthy Families Program becomes inoperative on January 1, 2004.

This bill would require the board and the State Department of Health Services to establish a process for a county Medi-Cal eligibility staff member to authorize eligibility for a child in the Healthy Families program if the child meets all the Healthy Families program eligibility requirements. The bill would require the process to include a means for a county to provide the prospective enrollee with all necessary information regarding the Healthy Families Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12693.983 is added to the Insurance
2 Code, to read:
3 12693.983. The board and the State Department of Health
4 Services shall work in consultation with the County Welfare
5 Directors Association to establish a process by which county
6 Medi-Cal eligibility staff can authorize eligibility for the Healthy
7 Families program for children who are eligible for Medi-Cal with
8 a share of cost and who meet all other program eligibility
9 requirements. The process shall include a means for the county to
10 provide all necessary information to the child and to the program
11 in order to complete the child's enrollment in the program.

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